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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

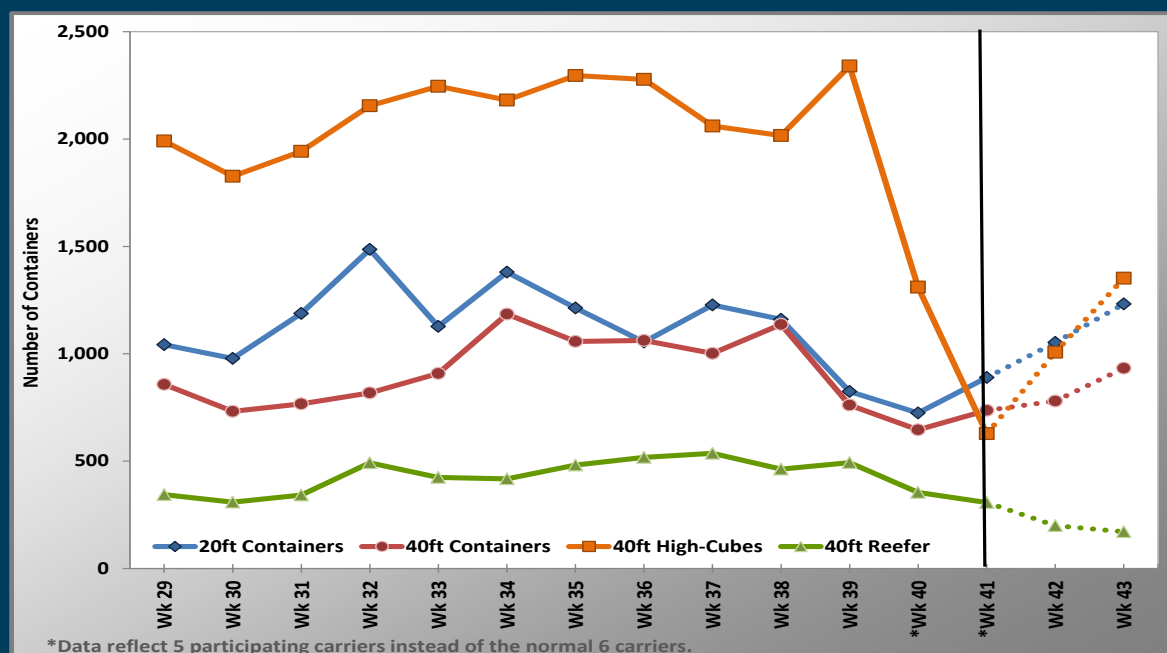
Historical Analysis of Norfolk

The Port of Norfolk ranks 10th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports, but 7th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, more than half (64 percent) of the agricultural exports through Norfolk were moved in containers. Between July and September of 2013, Norfolk moved more than 508,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grain (barley, corn, oat, wheat and sorghum) accounted for 15 percent of the agricultural exports through the port followed by animal feed items which account for 15percent. Poultry was also among the top exports through Norfolk, accounting for 10 percent. Since refrigerated exports are among the port's top containerized agricultural products, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 50 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) to move 21 percent, followed by Maersk Line, which moved 17 percent, Hapag Lloyd with 9 percent, and MOL with 7 percent.¹

Capacity at Norfolk has been strained by rising volume and the industry-wide shift to larger ships. The reopening of the nearby Portsmouth Marine Terminal to container traffic this month will ease pressure at the Norfolk port. The newly opened terminal has six post-Panamax gantry cranes, three of which will be assigned to container operation. The Norfolk port is part of the Virginia Port Authority that also includes the Portsmouth Terminal, the Newport News Terminal and the inland port in Warren County. The facility is served by two Class 1 railroads: CSX directly and Norfolk Southern via the Norfolk Portsmouth Beltline Railway.

Container availability for the 40ft and 20ft containers in Norfolk has followed a similar pattern of moderate fluctuation ending last week with a slight rebound. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers have been the highest but experienced a large drop in the last couple of weeks. This could be due in part to only 5 out of 6 carriers reporting their estimates this week. Over the next 2 weeks, availability for the 3 dry container types including the high cube is expected to increase; however, availability of 40ft reefer is expected to decrease.

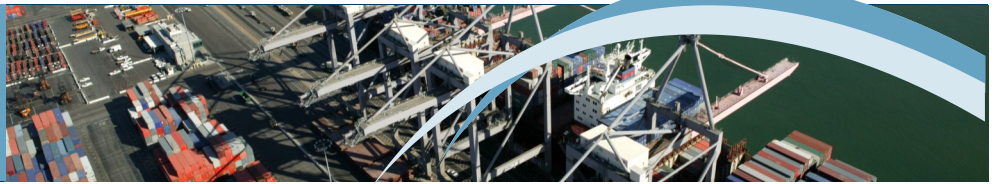
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Norfolk, 2nd week of March (Wk 10) through 5th week of May (Wk 22), with Projections



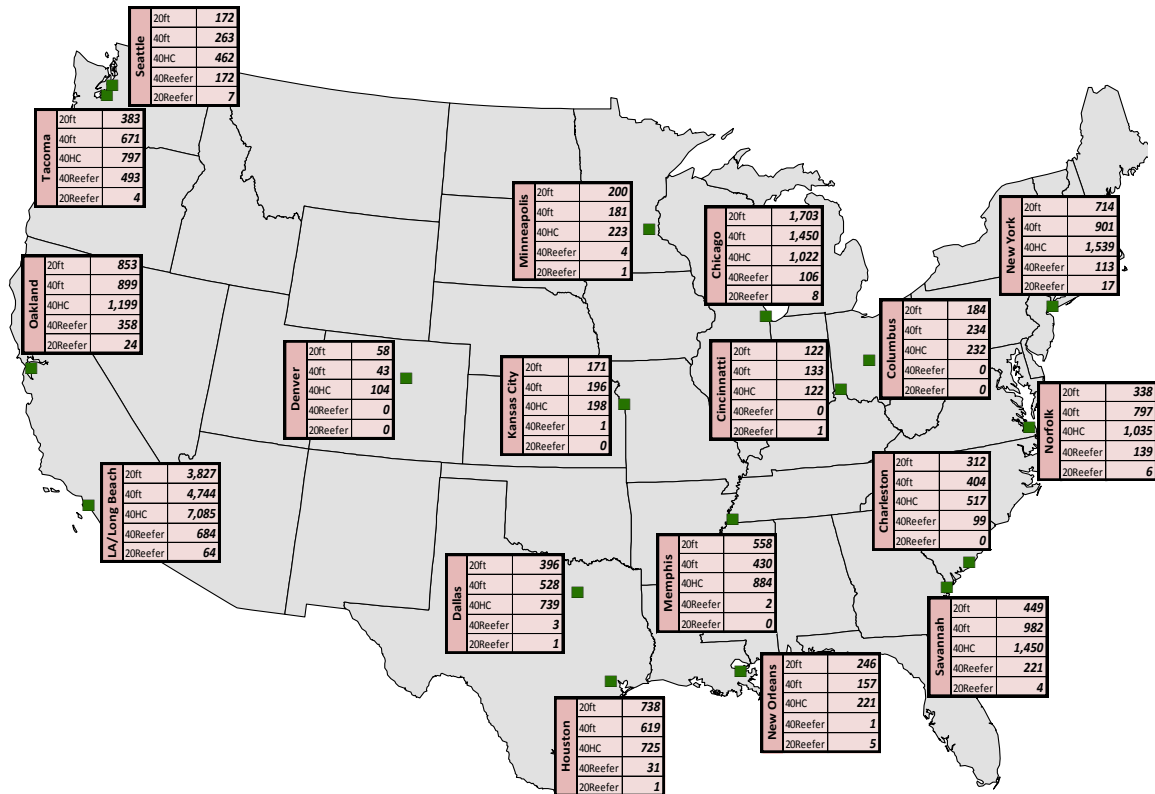
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

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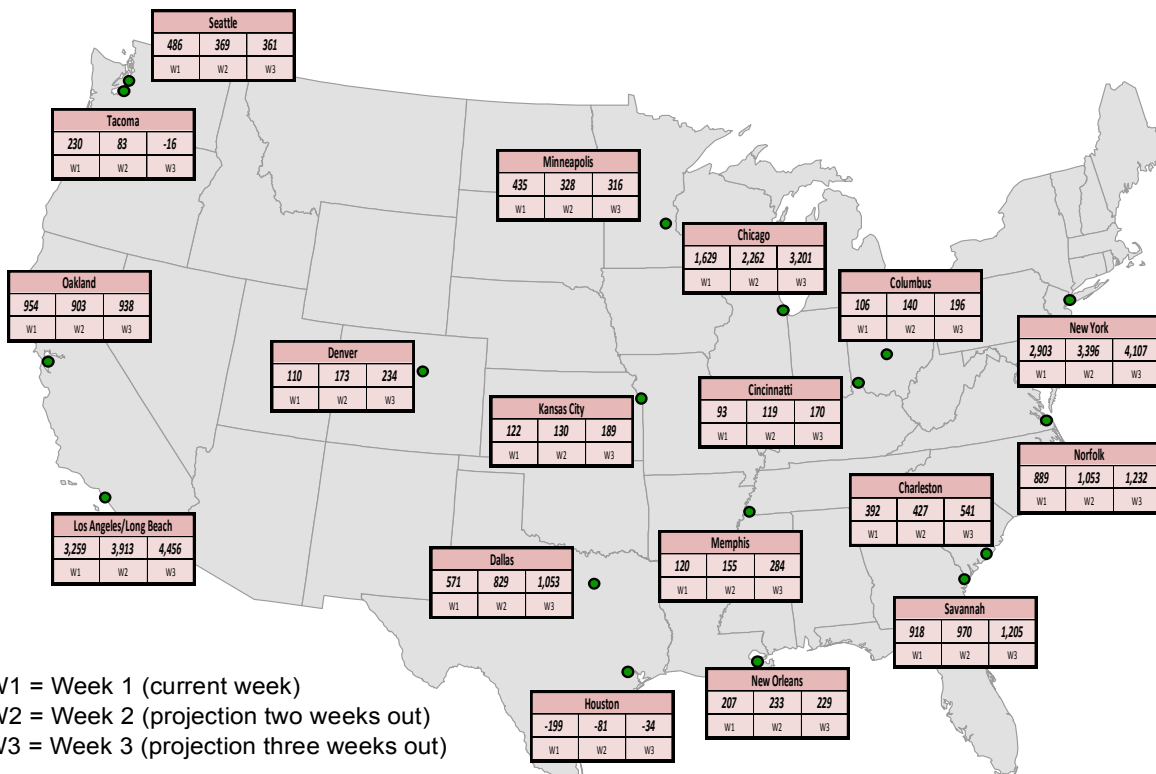
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



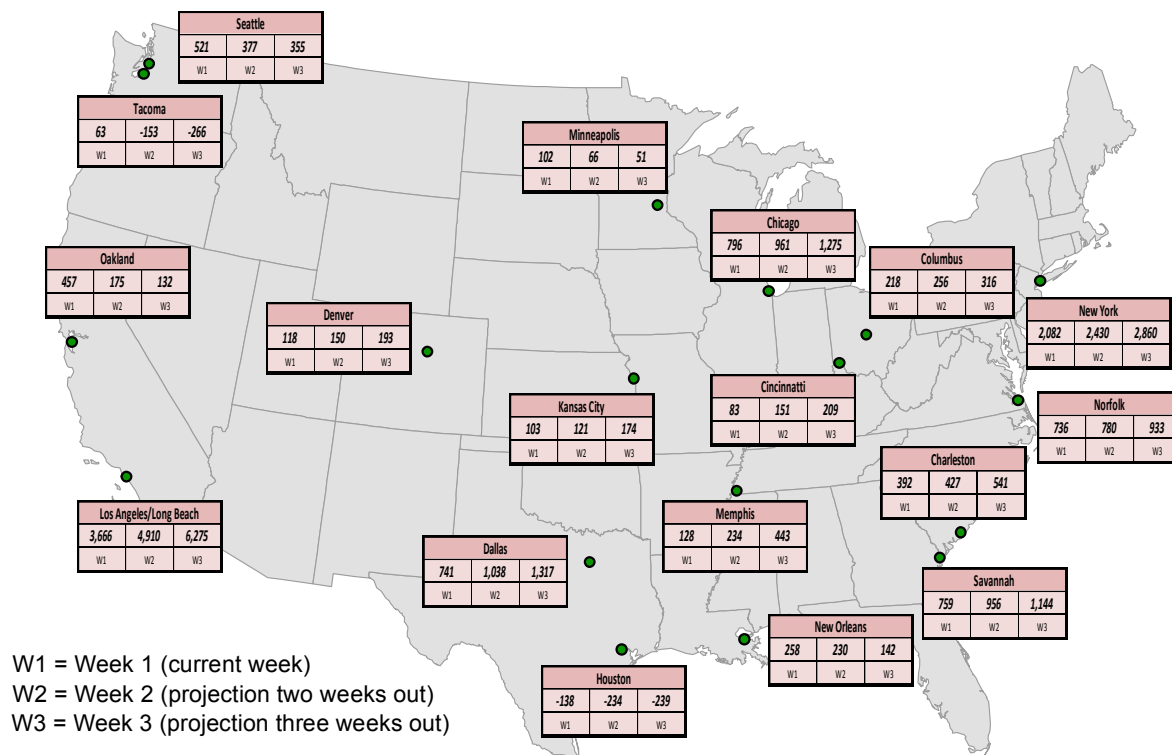
W1 = Week 1 (current week)

W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)

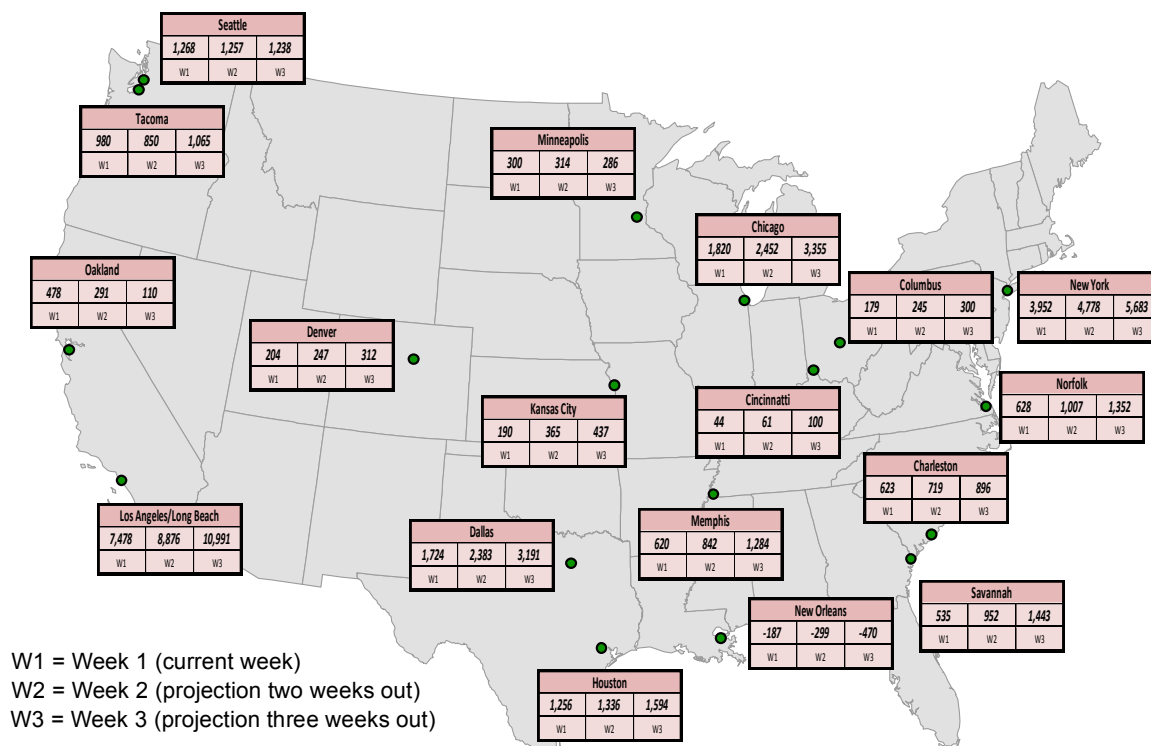
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

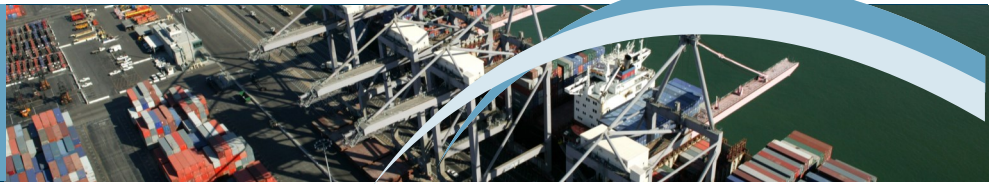


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

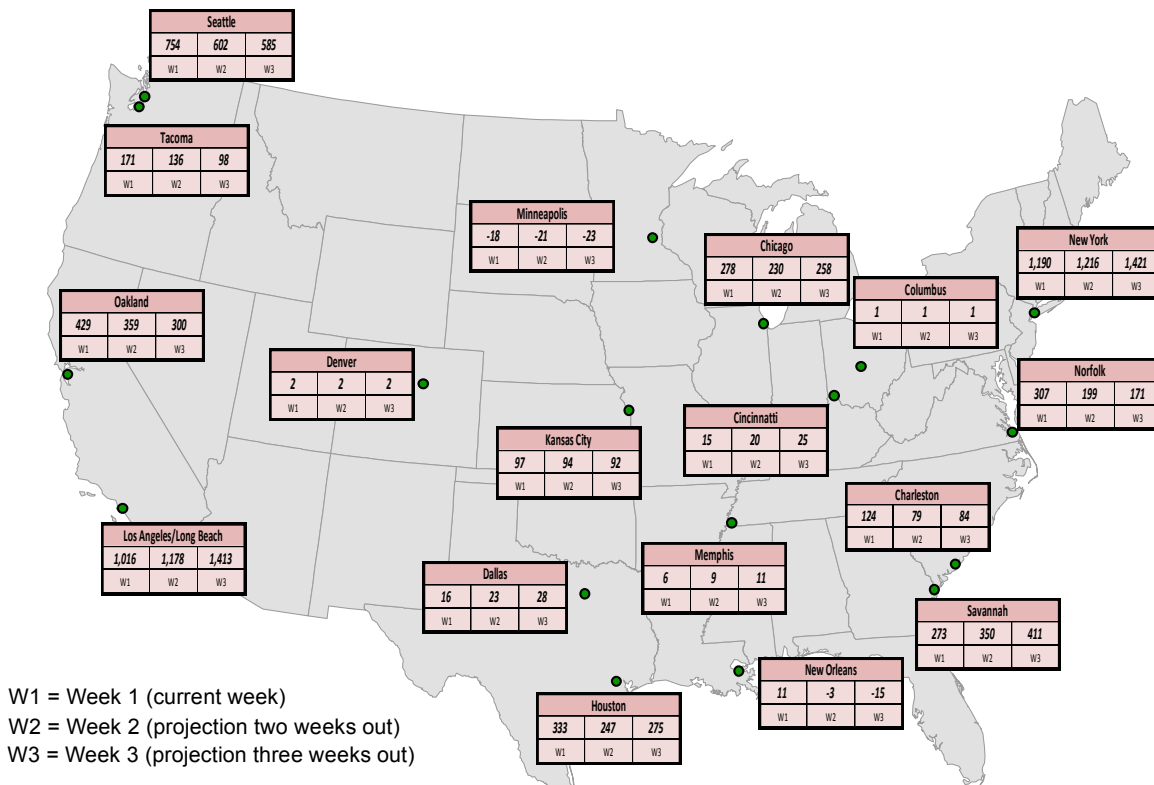


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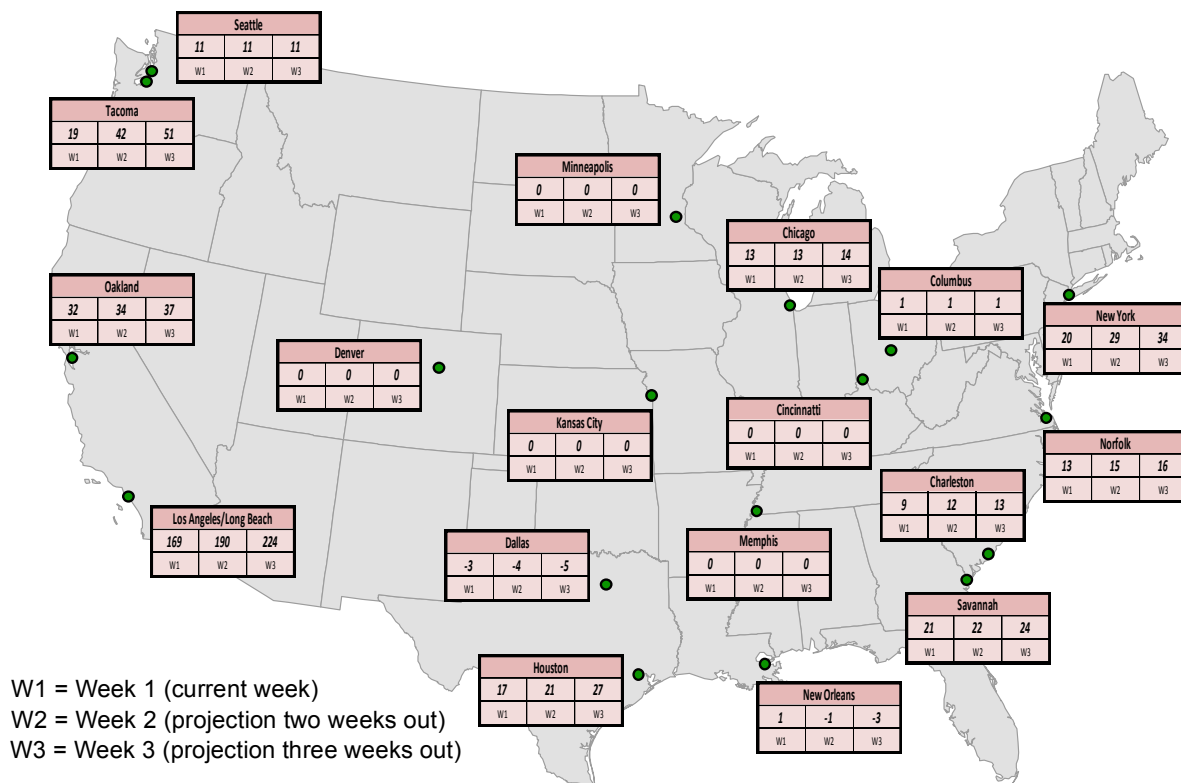
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	154	95	63	62	18	.	.	.	.	.	392
Week 2: Oct 15-21	183	65	50	70	59	.	.	.	.	.	427
Week 3: Oct 22-28	209	77	50	104	101	.	.	.	.	.	541
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	120	107	107	96	39	.	.	.	.	.	469
Week 2: Oct 15-21	78	133	127	84	40	.	.	.	.	.	462
Week 3: Oct 22-28	120	166	163	80	40	.	.	.	.	.	569
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	237	210	96	50	30	.	.	.	.	.	623
Week 2: Oct 15-21	269	169	80	126	75	.	.	.	.	.	719
Week 3: Oct 22-28	315	231	80	201	69	.	.	.	.	.	896
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	66	29	22	12	-5	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Oct 15-21	64	38	3	9	-35	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 3: Oct 22-28	60	47	3	9	-35	.	.	.	.	.	84
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	6	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Oct 15-21	8	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Oct 22-28	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1,581	150	102	-29	-175	.	.	.	.	.	1,629
Week 2: Oct 15-21	2,065	195	150	-10	-138	.	.	.	.	.	2,262
Week 3: Oct 22-28	2,566	288	150	5	192	.	.	.	.	.	3,201
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	508	274	22	17	-25	.	.	.	.	.	796
Week 2: Oct 15-21	688	287	-37	50	-27	.	.	.	.	.	961
Week 3: Oct 22-28	873	511	-129	50	-30	.	.	.	.	.	1,275
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	762	440	430	98	90	.	.	.	.	.	1,820
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1,073	636	615	50	78	.	.	.	.	.	2,452
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1,380	889	956	50	80	.	.	.	.	.	3,355
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	143	79	56	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	278
Week 2: Oct 15-21	135	85	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	230
Week 3: Oct 22-28	155	93	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	258
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Oct 15-21	10	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Oct 22-28	8	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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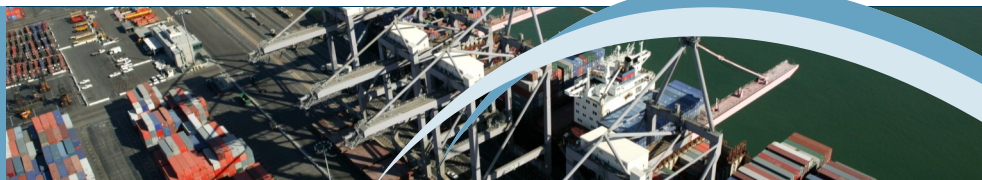


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	34	31	22	9	-3	93
Week 2: Oct 15-21	52	14	33	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	119
Week 3: Oct 22-28	69	14	61	28	-2	.	.	.	.	.	170
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	31	23	16	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	83
Week 2: Oct 15-21	40	65	27	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	151
Week 3: Oct 22-28	59	78	51	18	3	.	.	.	.	.	209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	32	19	1	-4	-4	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Oct 15-21	39	19	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Oct 22-28	73	20	-5	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	100
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	15	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Oct 15-21	20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Oct 22-28	25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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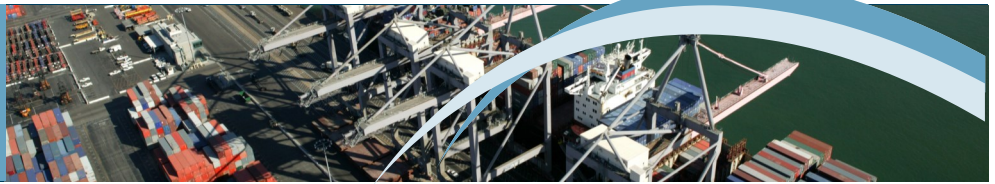


Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	46	39	15	5	1	106
Week 2: Oct 15-21	55	61	26	-4	2	.	.	.	.	.	140
Week 3: Oct 22-28	68	83	26	0	19	.	.	.	.	.	196
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	109	56	40	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	218
Week 2: Oct 15-21	128	81	37	-4	14	.	.	.	.	.	256
Week 3: Oct 22-28	145	115	48	-6	14	.	.	.	.	.	316
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	79	36	26	25	13	.	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Oct 15-21	116	50	47	16	16	.	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Oct 22-28	149	50	69	10	22	.	.	.	.	.	300
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	171	158	117	110	15	571
Week 2: Oct 15-21	217	302	163	137	10	.	.	.	.	.	829
Week 3: Oct 22-28	268	440	215	120	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,053
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	257	210	145	104	25	.	.	.	.	.	741
Week 2: Oct 15-21	287	400	182	169	0	.	.	.	.	.	1,038
Week 3: Oct 22-28	265	592	267	193	0	.	.	.	.	.	1,317
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	629	396	386	312	1	.	.	.	.	.	1,724
Week 2: Oct 15-21	636	756	540	451	0	.	.	.	.	.	2,383
Week 3: Oct 22-28	600	1,134	736	721	0	.	.	.	.	.	3,191
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Oct 15-21	23	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Oct 22-28	29	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	-3	-3
Week 2: Oct 15-21	-4	-4
Week 3: Oct 22-28	-5	-5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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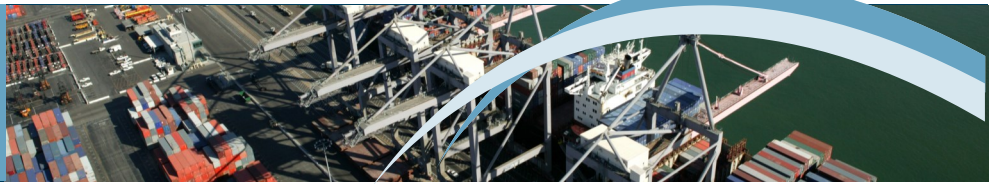


Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	84	18	17	2	-11	110
Week 2: Oct 15-21	117	28	25	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Oct 22-28	155	44	33	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	234
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	60	27	24	4	3	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Oct 15-21	91	29	29	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	150
Week 3: Oct 22-28	122	34	35	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	90	60	25	18	11	.	.	.	.	.	204
Week 2: Oct 15-21	102	94	20	21	10	.	.	.	.	.	247
Week 3: Oct 22-28	128	127	23	24	10	.	.	.	.	.	312
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Oct 15-21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Oct 22-28	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	0
Week 2: Oct 15-21	0
Week 3: Oct 22-28	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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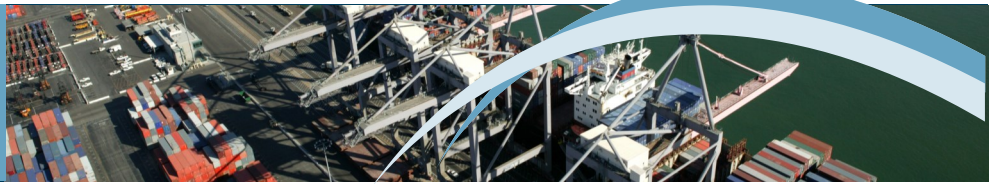


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	60	34	-39	-62	-192	-199
Week 2: Oct 15-21	75	26	-27	0	-155	.	.	.	.	.	-81
Week 3: Oct 22-28	106	24	-85	50	-129	.	.	.	.	.	-34
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	180	42	22	8	-390	.	.	.	.	.	-138
Week 2: Oct 15-21	80	65	14	8	-401	.	.	.	.	.	-234
Week 3: Oct 22-28	100	118	16	41	-514	.	.	.	.	.	-239
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	580	367	292	13	4	.	.	.	.	.	1,256
Week 2: Oct 15-21	699	250	378	-11	20	.	.	.	.	.	1,336
Week 3: Oct 22-28	828	250	479	-15	52	.	.	.	.	.	1,594
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	211	112	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	333
Week 2: Oct 15-21	100	137	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	247
Week 3: Oct 22-28	100	165	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	275
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Oct 15-21	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Oct 22-28	25	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	57	48	41	-3	-21	.	.	.	.	.	122
Week 2: Oct 15-21	25	64	46	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	130
Week 3: Oct 22-28	25	79	73	1	11	.	.	.	.	.	189
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	92	31	23	1	-44	.	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Oct 15-21	106	25	26	0	-36	.	.	.	.	.	121
Week 3: Oct 22-28	142	25	37	-1	-29	.	.	.	.	.	174
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	86	64	27	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	190
Week 2: Oct 15-21	51	250	26	35	3	.	.	.	.	.	365
Week 3: Oct 22-28	91	250	39	55	2	.	.	.	.	.	437
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	87	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Oct 15-21	82	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	94
Week 3: Oct 22-28	78	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	0
Week 2: Oct 15-21	0
Week 3: Oct 22-28	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1,320	820	588	548	-17	.	.	.	.	.	3,259
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1,558	860	906	450	139	.	.	.	.	.	3,913
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1,796	893	1,009	450	308	.	.	.	.	.	4,456
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1,033	711	697	693	532	.	.	.	.	.	3,666
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1,712	881	869	800	648	.	.	.	.	.	4,910
Week 3: Oct 22-28	2,164	1,041	869	800	1,401	.	.	.	.	.	6,275
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	2,021	1,924	1,900	894	739	.	.	.	.	.	7,478
Week 2: Oct 15-21	3,666	1,800	2,179	1,016	215	.	.	.	.	.	8,876
Week 3: Oct 22-28	4,752	1,800	2,250	1,147	1,042	.	.	.	.	.	10,991
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	351	350	170	83	62	.	.	.	.	.	1,016
Week 2: Oct 15-21	543	300	119	77	139	.	.	.	.	.	1,178
Week 3: Oct 22-28	716	300	122	80	195	.	.	.	.	.	1,413
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	151	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Oct 15-21	165	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	190
Week 3: Oct 22-28	178	46	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	224

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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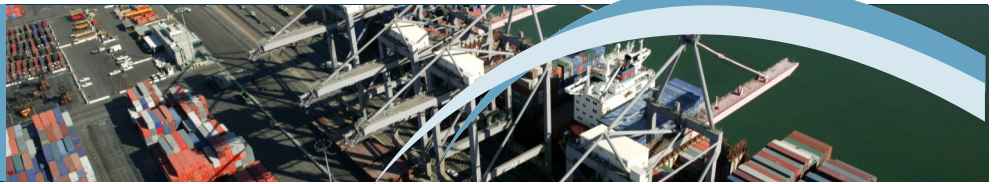


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	64	64	45	7	-60	120
Week 2: Oct 15-21	71	44	85	10	-55	.	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Oct 22-28	117	44	127	13	-17	.	.	.	.	.	284
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	135	87	31	10	-135	.	.	.	.	.	128
Week 2: Oct 15-21	216	100	90	14	-186	.	.	.	.	.	234
Week 3: Oct 22-28	305	100	147	11	-120	.	.	.	.	.	443
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	198	181	153	68	20	.	.	.	.	.	620
Week 2: Oct 15-21	387	150	249	24	32	.	.	.	.	.	842
Week 3: Oct 22-28	575	150	363	157	39	.	.	.	.	.	1,284
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	10	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Oct 15-21	14	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Oct 22-28	17	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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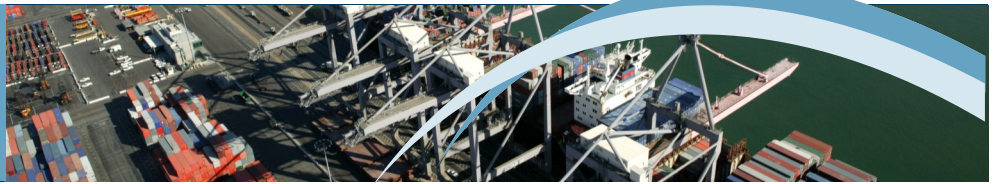


Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	243	97	90	18	-13	435
Week 2: Oct 15-21	251	40	67	11	-41	.	.	.	.	.	328
Week 3: Oct 22-28	262	30	21	11	-8	.	.	.	.	.	316
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	60	32	32	7	-29	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 2: Oct 15-21	20	16	48	11	-29	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Oct 22-28	30	5	50	11	-45	.	.	.	.	.	51
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	155	113	22	11	-1	.	.	.	.	.	300
Week 2: Oct 15-21	146	90	40	18	20	.	.	.	.	.	314
Week 3: Oct 22-28	133	72	40	11	30	.	.	.	.	.	286
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 2: Oct 15-21	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 3: Oct 22-28	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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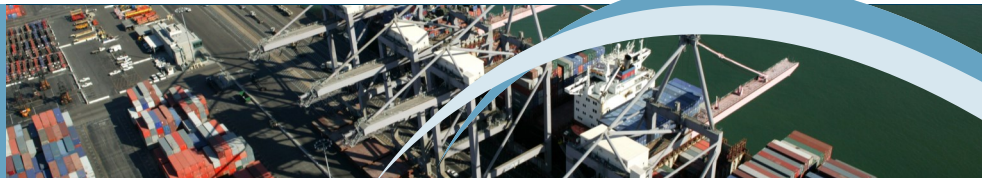


New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	112	90	6	0	-1	207
Week 2: Oct 15-21	111	107	5	0	10	.	.	.	.	.	233
Week 3: Oct 22-28	103	109	7	0	10	.	.	.	.	.	229
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	118	117	15	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	258
Week 2: Oct 15-21	103	113	14	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	230
Week 3: Oct 22-28	42	112	-12	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	142
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	48	36	31	0	-302	.	.	.	.	.	-187
Week 2: Oct 15-21	25	26	28	-1	-377	.	.	.	.	.	-299
Week 3: Oct 22-28	25	15	8	-1	-517	.	.	.	.	.	-470
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	28	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Oct 15-21	21	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Oct 22-28	16	0	-31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	4	-3	1
Week 2: Oct 15-21	4	-5	-1
Week 3: Oct 22-28	4	-7	-3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	991	960	515	263	174	2,903
Week 2: Oct 15-21	800	1,134	797	266	399	.	.	.	.	.	3,396
Week 3: Oct 22-28	800	1,324	1,110	250	623	.	.	.	.	.	4,107
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	648	418	391	372	253	.	.	.	.	.	2,082
Week 2: Oct 15-21	500	693	419	605	213	.	.	.	.	.	2,430
Week 3: Oct 22-28	500	834	470	833	223	.	.	.	.	.	2,860
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	1,643	680	633	598	398	.	.	.	.	.	3,952
Week 2: Oct 15-21	1,898	600	961	544	775	.	.	.	.	.	4,778
Week 3: Oct 22-28	2,311	500	1,162	570	1,140	.	.	.	.	.	5,683
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	409	290	211	175	105	.	.	.	.	.	1,190
Week 2: Oct 15-21	549	50	279	250	88	.	.	.	.	.	1,216
Week 3: Oct 22-28	701	50	339	338	-7	.	.	.	.	.	1,421
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	15	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Oct 15-21	18	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Oct 22-28	23	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	359	252	211	72	-5	889
Week 2: Oct 15-21	413	297	200	131	12	.	.	.	.	.	1,053
Week 3: Oct 22-28	471	367	200	184	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,232
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	553	124	64	-2	-3	.	.	.	.	.	736
Week 2: Oct 15-21	597	54	100	21	8	.	.	.	.	.	780
Week 3: Oct 22-28	672	103	100	46	12	.	.	.	.	.	933
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	350	190	97	29	-38	.	.	.	.	.	628
Week 2: Oct 15-21	482	311	134	100	-20	.	.	.	.	.	1,007
Week 3: Oct 22-28	694	417	166	100	-25	.	.	.	.	.	1,352
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	131	106	49	33	-12	.	.	.	.	.	307
Week 2: Oct 15-21	135	30	11	32	-9	.	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: Oct 22-28	129	30	-37	49	0	.	.	.	.	.	171
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	11	2	13
Week 2: Oct 15-21	12	3	15
Week 3: Oct 22-28	13	3	16

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	586	212	79	77	0	954
Week 2: Oct 15-21	615	150	50	61	27	.	.	.	.	.	903
Week 3: Oct 22-28	649	135	50	56	48	.	.	.	.	.	938
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	287	100	33	28	9	.	.	.	.	.	457
Week 2: Oct 15-21	200	73	-215	57	60	.	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Oct 22-28	200	49	-268	101	50	.	.	.	.	.	132
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	259	74	65	60	20	.	.	.	.	.	478
Week 2: Oct 15-21	262	149	-233	63	50	.	.	.	.	.	291
Week 3: Oct 22-28	274	156	-450	70	60	.	.	.	.	.	110
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	304	135	41	-11	-40	.	.	.	.	.	429
Week 2: Oct 15-21	273	153	100	-33	-134	.	.	.	.	.	359
Week 3: Oct 22-28	232	151	100	-43	-140	.	.	.	.	.	300
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	26	6	32
Week 2: Oct 15-21	28	6	34
Week 3: Oct 22-28	30	7	37

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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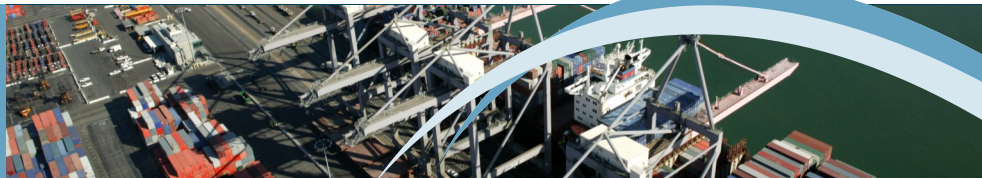


Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	296	252	195	125	50	918
Week 2: Oct 15-21	200	278	301	146	45	.	.	.	.	.	970
Week 3: Oct 22-28	200	333	404	228	40	.	.	.	.	.	1,205
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	363	226	111	54	5	.	.	.	.	.	759
Week 2: Oct 15-21	473	284	150	59	-10	.	.	.	.	.	956
Week 3: Oct 22-28	572	364	150	73	-15	.	.	.	.	.	1,144
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	598	248	-38	-92	-181	.	.	.	.	.	535
Week 2: Oct 15-21	750	378	6	0	-182	.	.	.	.	.	952
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1,076	471	-9	100	-195	.	.	.	.	.	1,443
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	135	107	28	18	-15	.	.	.	.	.	273
Week 2: Oct 15-21	128	115	100	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	350
Week 3: Oct 22-28	141	144	100	0	26	.	.	.	.	.	411
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	16	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Oct 15-21	18	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Oct 22-28	20	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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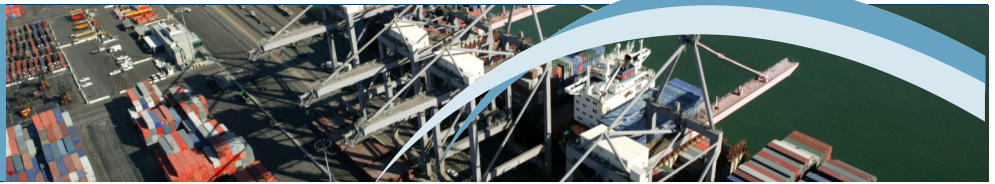


Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	318	96	72	486
Week 2: Oct 15-21	200	42	127	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	369
Week 3: Oct 22-28	200	27	134	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	361
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	373	83	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	521
Week 2: Oct 15-21	200	59	118	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	377
Week 3: Oct 22-28	200	36	119	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	355
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	707	478	83	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,268
Week 2: Oct 15-21	794	400	63	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,257
Week 3: Oct 22-28	830	400	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,238
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	486	266	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	754
Week 2: Oct 15-21	400	215	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	602
Week 3: Oct 22-28	400	220	-35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	585
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	11	11
Week 2: Oct 15-21	11	11
Week 3: Oct 22-28	11	11

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	120	50	37	23	230
Week 2: Oct 15-21	80	44	-55	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: Oct 22-28	80	51	-176	29	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	146	93	-20	-156	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Oct 15-21	27	50	-21	-209	.	.	.	.	.	.	-153
Week 3: Oct 22-28	-40	50	-30	-246	.	.	.	.	.	.	-266
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	964	119	23	-126	.	.	.	.	.	.	980
Week 2: Oct 15-21	973	6	25	-154	.	.	.	.	.	.	850
Week 3: Oct 22-28	1,106	94	25	-160	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,065
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	261	253	9	-352	.	.	.	.	.	.	171
Week 2: Oct 15-21	181	277	50	-372	.	.	.	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Oct 22-28	167	279	50	-398	.	.	.	.	.	.	98
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 8-14	19	19
Week 2: Oct 15-21	42	42
Week 3: Oct 22-28	51	51

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

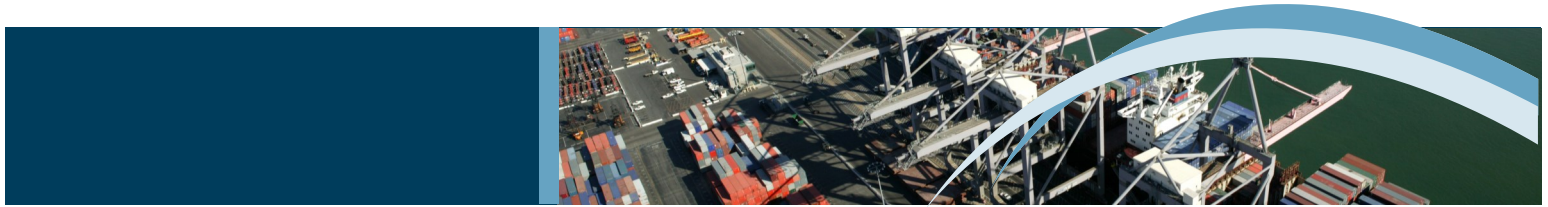
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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